

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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In Step S4, a pharmacist visually checks the drug preparation data thus displayed, to see if there is anything wrong in the data. In this step, the pharmacist ensures that the respective data are proper based on prescriptions prepared by doctors. If any flaw is found in the data, the displayed data portion is clicked for correction. When an "inspection OK" button provided at the bottom of the screen is clicked, the process proceeds to the next step.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-12 and add new claims 13-25 as follows:

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13. (New) A drug preparation order system comprising:
a control unit operable to carry out logic operations and to output control signals based on drug preparation data, said control unit comprising
a data storage portion operable to store a first set of data, the first set of data corresponding to the drug preparation data, and
a printer setting portion;
a monitor operable to display a second set of data, the second set of data corresponding to the drug preparation data;
an input device operable to enable a user to enter the first set of data into said control unit;
and
a plurality of printers connected to said control unit, said plurality of printers operable to print on drug preparation order sheets in response to the control signals,
wherein said printer setting portion is operable to store a third set of data, the third set of data corresponding to a correlation between the drug preparation data and said plurality of printers,

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wherein said monitor is operable to display a fourth set of data, said fourth set of data corresponding to a correlation between the drug preparation data and the third set of data, and

wherein said input device is operable to enable the user to modify any one of the first set of data and the third set of data by way of modifying any one of the second set of data and the fourth set of data.

14. (New) The system of claim 13, wherein the drug preparation data includes data corresponding to a patient name, a patient code, a drug code, taking directions, and dosages.

15. (New) The system of claim 13, further comprising:

a first type of communicator connected to said control unit, said first type of communicator being operable to transmit drug preparation order data provided by said control unit,

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a plurality of trays, each having a second type of communicator, said plurality of trays and said control unit are combined as a system,

wherein each of said second type of communicators is operable to communicate with said first type of communicator,

wherein each of said trays has a display portion, and

wherein said display portions are operable to display the drug preparation order data sent from said control unit by said first type of communicator.

16. (New) The system of claim 15, wherein said printers are operable to print on a drug preparation order sheet, information indicating whether drugs have been put into a plurality of trays.

17. (New) The system of claim 16, wherein said control unit is operable to transmit identification information to said trays, when drug preparation order data is transmitted by said first type of communicator.

18. (New) The system of claim 16, wherein said control unit is operable to transmit information on whether guidance is necessary, when drug preparation order data is transmitted by said first type of communicator.

19. (New) The system of claim 15, wherein said control unit is operable to transmit identification information to said trays, when drug preparation order data is transmitted by said first type of communicator.

20.(New) The system of claim 19, wherein said control unit is operable to transmit information on whether guidance is necessary, when drug preparation order data is transmitted by said first type of communicator.

21. (New) The system of claim 15, wherein said control unit is operable to transmit information on whether guidance is necessary, when drug preparation order data is transmitted by said first type of communicator.

B₁₂ 22. (New) The system of claim 15, wherein in order to put drugs in a plurality of trays according to the drug types and the number of days for which the drugs are to be prescribed, the drugs can be assigned to said plurality of trays.

23. (New) The system of claim 22, wherein said printers are operable to print on a drug preparation order sheet, information indicating whether drugs have been put into a plurality of trays

24. (New) The system of claim 22, wherein said control unit is operable to transmit identification information to said trays, when drug preparation order data is transmitted by said first type of communicator.

25. The system of claim 22, wherein said control unit is operable to transmit information on whether guidance is necessary, when drug preparation order data is transmitted by said first type of communicator.